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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of January 22, 2003, applicant elects, without traverse, for further prosecution in this application, the invention of Group I, i.e., the invention of claims 1-12.

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